

Application No. 10/064,220
Amendment dated August 29, 2006
Reply to Office Action of August 2, 2006

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Remarks / Arguments

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action of August 2, 2006. This Amendment is in full response thereto.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required an Election of an invention from the Group I apparatus for delivering a chemical (claims 37-56) and the Group II method for dispensing a chemical (claims 57-72). Applicants elect the Group I apparatus claims with traverse.

The Examiner's Restriction Requirement was justified on the basis that the product as claimed could be performed using a materially different process of using that product. The Examiner states that the process could be performed using a product without joints. Applicants respectfully point out that the process cannot be performed without some sort of fluid communication between the various parts for which fluid communication is required. While Applicants use the word, "joint", this is not to be construed as an overlimiting structural configuration. Rather, the word "joint" was used for more simplicity in reciting the various fluidically communicating elements. As such, Applicants kindly ask the Examiner to explain how the process can be performed without "joints", i.e., devices for accomplishing fluid communication between different elements as variously claimed. In absence of such explanation, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction should be withdrawn.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application.

Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, she is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below. It is not believed that any fee is due at this time. If that belief is incorrect, please debit deposit account number 01-1375. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 01-1375.

Respectfully submitted,

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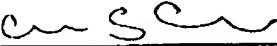


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